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Late King James's
Last WILL
AND
TESTAMENT.

With his Advice to the pretended *Prince of Wales*: Being delivered by *Cardinal Johnson*, under Seal, to the *Prince of Wales*, two days after his Death, in the presence of the *French King*.

In the Name of God, Amen.

I James, late King of England, being of perfect sound Mind and Memory, tho' somewhat weak in Body, do constitute and appoint this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, (that it is to say)

Imprimis. First I bequeath my Soul to the Most High God, from whence it came, trusting thro' the Merits and Intercession of my blessed Saviour, and the effectual Supplications, Intercessions and Invocations of his Holy Apostles, and other blessed and Coelestial Saints to live in Peace in the Kingdom of Heaven, which will prove the only Reward for the innumerable Hardships and Sufferings I have undergone in this troublesome and transitory World.

Item. My Body I commit to the Earth, from whence likewise it came, to be Buried decently according to the directions of my *Father Confessor*.

Item. I give Twenty Thousand Pounds to defray the Charge of my Funeral, to be paid out of my *Exchequer*

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at *Westminster*; and desire my *Father Confessor* would go and demand the same.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son and Heir the High Title and Dignity of a *King*, wishing it may prove advantageous to Him without a Kingdom, being desirous he should live in Peace, and not seek for what he will never obtain, or rake his dead Father's Crimes afresh in the Minds of his Subjects.

Item. I give and bequeath to the *Fryars* of *St. Austins*, *St. Bernards*, and the *Jesuits*, *Priests*, *Fryars*, *Monks*, and others thereto belonging, 10000 Crowns per Week for ever, for Charitable Uses, to be disposed of by the chief of them, to be paid likewise out of my Exchequer at *Westminster*, desiring they wou'd forthwith go and demand it after my decease, which shall be the Commencement of the first Payment, but provided that they or some of them do not say ten Masses per day for the good of my departing Soul, that then the said Yearly Payments shall cease, and be utterly deny'd, and no otherwise.

Item. I give and bequeath my three Kingdoms to the present Possessor of them, accounting him, as hitherto, but my Tenant, and the same failing for want of just Issue, I have cut off the Entaile, and that he may pay no Rent for the time he has already been in possession, but Yearly, and every Year as a just acknowledgement of the favour I did him, in leaving it vacant, he shall acknowledge that I was once King of *England*, &c. And shall not mention my Crimes to disgrace my Memory; he in consideration of his doing thereof, I do hereby give it him in Taile to His Lawful Heirs and Successors for ever, being not able to hinder the same.

Item. I give and bequeath my late *Pallace* at *Whitehal* to the *Prince of Wales*, trusting and assuring my self that my late Subjects will rebuild it, when he comes to be King of *England*, &c.

Item. I give and bequeath to all the *Non-jurat Parsons* in *England*, that wished, and lost their Benefices, in hopes
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of my return, my hearty Prayers for their good Intentions towards me, hoping they will learn all more Wit for the future, when it shall please God to seat them in Livelihoods, desiring Cardinal *Porterero* the late King of *Spain's* Confessor, to say every day a *Mass* as long as he shall live, as a Contribution towards their present Maintenance.

Item. I give and bequeath to all my Loving and Loyal Subjects that lost their Estates in *Ireland*, to follow me in my Extreimity, to each a Barrel of Oatmeal, and a Bundle of Rue to strew their way, and maintain themselves in a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, desiring the present *Pope* to grant to each a Dispensation, that when they dye, they may enjoy perpetual Happiness and Felicity, as a Reward for their great Losses and Long-sufferings.

Item. I give and bequeath to those *Printers*, that printed and dispersed my *Declarations* in *England*, to each a New Press, and 500 *l.* per *Annum*, to be paid Quarterly out of the *Exchequer* at *Westminster*, desiring they would demand the same; and had I been better able, I would have better provided for them.

Item. I give and bequeath to the good natur'd Women of *England*, that solicited the rest of my Subjects to admit my return, to each a White Sarsnet-Hood and Scarff, to remember me, wishing them to wear it Six *Sundays* in a Year, at their publick Devotions, and to put up their Prayers for my future Happiness.

Item. I give and bequeath to His present *Catholick Majesty*, or *Most Christian King* of *France*, six dozen of my Shirts to make Rags or Lints to dress his *Fistula*.

Item. I give and bequeath unto his said *Catholick Majesty* my brave Horse and Rich Accoutrements that carried me safe off from my Enemies in *Ireland*, wishing him (having as much Courage as I) he may, if occasion offers, do him the same kindness.

Item. I give and bequeath to the *Duke* of *Anjou*, now *Catholick King* of *Spain*, a rich set of Bracelets, strung upon a Cable, that may reach from his Crown to the *Emperors* Palace in *Germany*.

Item. I give and bequeath likewise to the *Prince of Wales*, a Pastboard Crown and Scepter, to put him in Mind of his being a *King*, desiring he may be forthwith Crown'd with it after my Decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to the said *Prince of Wales* a Trowel and a Thousand Hodds of Mortar, to build him a *Pallace*, and to him in Mind of his Parentage.

Item. I give and bequeath to the *Dolphin of France*, two Suits of Mourning, one for my *Death*, and wishing he may soon make use of the other for his *Father's*.

Item. I give and bequeath to my whole Court, Mourning, and each of them a Sprig of Rue.

Item. I give and bequeath to the *English Priests*, lately banished from their Native Kingdom, *Three Thousand Pounds* apiece of the Brass Money I made in *Ireland*, to maintain them during their Lives.

Item. I likewise give and bequeath to the Most *Christian King* my Bloody Sword that kill'd so many of the *English* when I was in *Ireland*, wishing it may do him as much Service than it did me.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto affixt my Hand, and Sealed it with my Signet, this first Day of September, *Anno. Domini, 1701.*

Having made His Will, he desired his *Father Confessor* to warn his Son, the pretended *Prince of Wales*, not to follow His Example, or ever take a *Priests* advise which proved his Downfal. What Answer the *Confessor* made, I am not yet informed.

V A L E.

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